

Draft Minutes for Town of Pawlet Selectboard

Pawlet Town Hall

August 16, 2016

Members in Attendance:

Mike Beecher
Sarah Ludlam
Ed Cleveland
Chuck Weeden

Others in Attendance:

Timothy Hughes-Muse
Keith Mason
Jim Dunn
Anne Marie Maiello
Gib Mach
Deanna Mach

Item 1: Meeting Called to order at 7:00 pm by Mr. Beecher.

Item 2: Introduction of those present.

Item 3: Review minutes of the August 2, 2016 meeting of the Selectboard. Ms. Ludlam made motion to accept the minutes with edits, seconded by Mr. Beecher, motion carried, voted and approved.

Item 4: Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors

Ms. Maiello and Mr. Dunn spoke for a few minutes regarding their garden that extends into the travelled portion of Cemetery Rd. Ms. Maiello stated that she will not accept the decision of the selectboard and will appeal the decision. Much of the discussion focused around the town's right-of-way, which is 1.5 rods from the center of the travelled portion of the road. Mr. Mach spoke in favor of Ms. Maiello and Mr. Dunn. Mr. Mach listed the areas of the town that are more narrow than Cemetery Hill Rd and that most of School Street has things in the right-of-way. Mr. Mach stated that he feels that the board should focus on something else. Ms. Maiello stated that the rocks are structural rather than decorative. Mr. Beecher thanked Ms. Maiello and Mr. Dunn for coming and informed them that the board will discuss it further.

Mr. Mach discussed the access to his mother's driveway. Ms. Deanna Mach also discussed access to her driveway which was adversely impacted by the improvements to Cemetery Rd. Mr. Mach stated that in his opinion the culvert by Mr. Sparkles driveway was not installed parallel to the road and might cause it to erode the roadbed. Mr. Beecher stated that he was aware of the issue and so is the Road Foreman, and that it will be fixed before winter.

Item 5: Announcements

Item 6: Reports

1. Energy Group Report- No report
2. Road Foreman's Report-
 - a. Tadmer Rd culvert is completed. The board commended Mr. Mason on his crew's speed and efficiency.

- b. Mr. Mason discussed preparations for the North Pawlet Rd culvert.
 - c. Rte 153 paving is tentatively scheduled for September.
 - d. Mr. Mason discussed equipment issues with the board.
 - e. Mr. Mason discussed storm damage.
 - f. Mr. Mason discussed right-of-way issues and the difference between the town's right-of-way and the travelled portion of the road.
- 3. Zoning Administrator's Report -no report
- 4. *Town Clerk's Memo*
 - a. *Reviewed the Town Clerk's Memo*
- 5. *Town Treasurer's Memo*
 - a. Reviewed the Town Treasurer's Memo.
 - b. Mr. Weeden made the motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Ms. Ludlam, motion carried, voted and approved.
 - c. The board will have a special meeting next Tuesday, August 23, 2016 for the purpose of setting the tax rate.
- 6. *Selectboard Administrative Assistant's Memo*
 - a. Reviewed Assistant's Memo
 - b. The board discussed the insurance policy for the town hall and reviewed the most recent appraisal. The board decided to change the policy to the Guaranteed Replacement Value.
- 7. WWTF -
 - a. Mr. Beecher updated the board on Paul Olander's progress on the improvements at the wastewater treatment facility.

Item 7: Old Business

No old business.

Item 8: New Business

No new business.

Ms. Ludlam made a motion to adjourn at 9:13pm, Mr. Weeden seconded, motion carried, voted and approved.

Respectfully submitted by Timothy Hughes-Muse, Select Board Administrative Assistant.